

Wednesday, September 2, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate referred Lake Michigan water bill to Foreign Relations Committee and took up Agricultural Trade Development Act extension.

House sustained President's veto of public works appropriation bill.

Federal highway bill cleared for floor action by House Rules Committee.

Conferees agreed to file report on labor-management bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 17665-17683

Bills Introduced: 5 bills and 1 resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2630-2634; and S.J. Res. 137.

Pages 17665-17666, 17751

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1892, to authorize construction of the Norman Federal reclamation project, Oklahoma, with amendments (S. Rept. 872);

H.R. 1778, authorizing Secretary of the Interior to have permanent authority in granting deferments in the payment of certain reclamation construction charges, with amendments (S. Rept. 873);

S. Con. Res. 73, to create a Joint Committee on a National Fuels Policy—referred to Committee on Rules and Administration (S. Rept. 874);

S. 2598, to extend until January 1, 1961, the effective date of certain provisions of the Federal Boating Act, with amendments (S. Rept. 875);

S. 2286, authorizing the leasing of land on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Ariz. and Calif. (S. Rept. 876);

H.R. 4857, relating to the exemption from admissions tax for athletic games benefiting crippled or retarded children (S. Rept. 877);

H.R. 8725, to amend the Internal Revenue Code so as to make technical changes in certain excise tax laws (S. Rept. 878);

S. 2061, authorizing the issuance of prospecting permits for phosphate in U.S. lands, with amendment (S. Rept. 879);

S. 2633, proposing numerous changes in the administration of the Foreign Service, especially relating to Foreign Service staff officers and to the Foreign Service retirement system (S. Rept. 880); and

S. 1431, to provide for the establishment of a Commission on Metropolitan Problems (S. Rept. 881).

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Bill Placed on Calendar: H.R. 8728, to extend until January 1, 1961, the effective date of certain provisions of the Federal Boating Act, was ordered to be placed on calendar.

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Private Bill: Senate concurred in House amendment to S. 6, private bill, thus clearing bill for President.

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Lake Michigan Water: After further consideration of H.R. 1, Lake Michigan water diversion, Senate adopted by 54 yeas to 34 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Butler motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pages 17683-17696, 17719, 17731-17736

Agriculture Trade Development: S. 1748, to extend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, was made Senate's unfinished business, and a unanimous-consent agreement was then entered providing that during its consideration after today debate on any amendment, motion, or appeal (except motion to table) will be limited to 30 minutes, equally divided, that debate on the bill will be limited to 2 hours, equally divided, and that no nongermane amendment may be received.

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Labor-Management Reform: Authorization was granted for filing during recess of conference report on S. 1555, Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959.

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Confirmations: The following nominations were confirmed: John A. McCone, of California, and Paul F. Foster, of Maryland, to be U.S. representative and U.S. alternate representative, respectively, to the 3d session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency; Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, James G. Fulton, of Pennsylvania, Clement J. Zablocki, of Wisconsin, Walter S. Robertson, of Virginia, and George Meany, of Maryland, to be U.S. representatives to the 14th session of the General Assembly of the U.N., and Virgil M. Hancher, of Iowa, Charles W. Anderson,

Jr., of Kentucky, Erle Cocke, Jr., of Georgia, Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, of New York, and Harold Riegelman, of New York, to be alternate U.S. representatives to the 14th session of the General Assembly of the U.N.; Henry F. Stimpson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Paraguay; and 4 judicial nominations.

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Recessed: Recessed at 7:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NOMINATIONS, AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Finance: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported the nominations of David A. Lindsay, of New York, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury; and Norman A. Kreckman, of Rochester, N.Y., to be collector of customs, with headquarters at Rochester; and without amendment H.R. 4857, relating to the exemption from admissions tax for athletic games benefiting crippled or retarded children, and H.R. 8725, to amend the Internal Revenue Code so as to make technical changes in certain excise tax laws.

Also, the committee adopted a committee resolution requesting the Tariff Commission to conduct a study with regard to the starch industry.

Committee will meet again on Friday, September 4.

TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: The Surface Transportation Subcommittee met in executive session to consider a transportation study outline, S. 1331,

to strengthen and improve the national transportation system, and S. 1450, relating to the discontinuance or change of the operation of certain trains and ferries, but took no final action, and recessed subject to call.

HEALTH BENEFITS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Insurance Subcommittee held and concluded hearings on S. 2575, to provide a health benefits program for certain retired employees of the Government, with favoring testimony from Frank Wilson, National Association of Retired Civil Employees, who suggested certain amendments; Jerome J. Keating, National Association of Letter Carriers; James A. Campbell, American Federation of Government Employees; Paul A. Nagle, National Postal Transport Association; E. C. Hallbeck, National Federation of Post Office Clerks; Thomas G. Walters, Government Employees Council, AFL-CIO; Vaux Owen, National Federation of Federal Employees; Charles R. Larson, National Rural Letter Carriers Association; Daniel Jaspan, National Association of Postal Supervisors; Roy M. North, National Association of Postmasters; and Ross A. Messer, National Association of Post Office & General Service Maintenance Employees. Testimony in opposition to the bill was heard from Roger W. Jones, Chairman, Civil Service Commission, and Elmer B. Staats, Deputy Director, Bureau of the Budget.

The record will remain open until Friday, September 4, for the inclusion of additional written material.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 9021-9038; 5 private bills, H.R. 9039-9043; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 516, H. Con. Res. 430, and H. Res. 372 and 373, were introduced.

Pages 17799-17800

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

Eleventh Report of the Committee on Government Operations entitled "Organization and Management of Missile Programs" (H. Rept. 1121);

H.R. 8121, relating to security program with respect to defense contractors and their employees (H. Rept. 1122);

H.R. 8429, making final orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board with respect to Communist organ-

izations applicable to successor organizations, amended (H. Rept. 1123);

H.R. 8754, proposed amendments to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (H. Rept. 1124);

H.R. 8755, amendments to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, with respect to cooperation with States, amended (H. Rept. 1125);

S. 2219, authorizing an increase in appropriation for construction of facilities for the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, amended (H. Rept. 1126);

S. 2390, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in furtherance of the administration and use of the Everglades National Park (H. Rept. 1127);

H.R. 8126, relative to distributions of stock and dispositions of property pursuant to orders enforcing the antitrust laws, amended (H. Rept. 1128);

H.R. 4150, relating to determining the dischargeability of provable debts in bankruptcy, amended (H. Rept. 1129);

H.J. Res. 513, designating the 17th day of December in each year as "Wright Brothers Day" (H. Rept. 1130);

H.R. 5547, to amend Internal Revenue Code of 1954 relating to U.S. possessions, amended (H. Rept. 1131);

H. Res. 372, closed rule providing for 2 hours of debate on H.R. 8678, to amend the Federal-Aid Highway Acts of 1956 and 1958 to make certain adjustments in the Federal-aid highway program (H. Rept. 1132);

H. Res. 373, providing for the consideration of and 1 hour of debate on S. 2208, to provide that Alaska and Hawaii be eligible for participation in the distribution of discretionary funds under section 6(b) of the Federal Airport Act (H. Rept. 1133); and

H. Res. 360, amending H. Res. 56 of 86th Congress relating to travel by certain congressional subcommittees (H. Rept. 1134). Page 17799

Public Works Appropriation Bill Veto: By a recapitulated record vote of 274 yeas to 138 nays the House sustained the President's veto of H.R. 7509, fiscal 1960 public works appropriation bill, after which the bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. (A two-thirds majority is required to override a veto.) Pages 17752-17753

D.C. Legislation: The consideration of legislation pertaining to the District of Columbia was in order and the following bills were considered and passed:

Gambling and indecent publications: H.R. 6123, to amend the law relating to indecent publications and gambling in the District of Columbia (amended and sent to the Senate by a voice vote).

Private bill: S. 685, a private bill (cleared for President).

Minors: S. 2035, relating to persons maintaining or defending actions in the District of Columbia on behalf of minors (cleared for President).

Domestic relations: S. 1372, to extend the jurisdiction of the domestic relations branch of the D.C. municipal court in certain cases (cleared for President). Pages 17757-17759

Suspension Passages: The House suspended the rules and passed the following bills:

Mineral leasing: S. 2181, proposed Mineral Leasing Act amendments of 1959 (amended and returned to the Senate by a voice vote). Pages 17759-17762

Lower Rio Grande irrigation: H.R. 4279, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, rehabilitate, operate, and maintain the lower Rio Grande rehabilitation project, Texas, La Feria division (amended and sent to the Senate). Passed by a record vote of 282 yeas to 114 nays. Pages 17762-17763

Reorganization Plan No. 1: H.R. 7681, to enact the provisions of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1959 with amendments, relating to transfer of certain functions of Secretary of Interior in connection with public lands to the Secretary of Agriculture (amended and sent to the Senate by a voice vote). Pages 17763-17765

Private bill: H.R. 3792, a private bill (sent to the Senate without amendment by a voice vote). Pages 17765-17766

Migratory game fish: H.R. 5004, directing the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a research program on the habits of migratory game fish in U.S. coastal waters (amended and sent to the Senate by a voice vote). Pages 17766-17767

Fish and wildlife—insecticides: H.R. 5813, authorizing continued studies on the effects of insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and other pesticides upon fish and wildlife (without amendment by a voice vote). This passage was subsequently vacated and S. 1575, a similar bill, was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the House-passed language (amended and returned to Senate by a voice vote). Pages 17767-17769

Conference Reports Adopted: Conference reports on the following bills were adopted by the House:

State taxation of interstate commerce: S. 2524, to prevent, under certain conditions, States or political subdivisions from imposing on a person a net income tax on income from interstate commerce (sent to the Senate). Adopted by a record vote of 359 yeas to 31 nays. Pages 17769-17776

Political broadcasting: S. 2424, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to provide that the equal-time provisions with respect to candidates for public office shall not apply to news and other similar programs (sent to the Senate). Adopted by a division vote of 142 yeas to 70 nays. Pages 17776-17782

Century 21 Exposition: H.R. 8374, relating to the Century 21 Exposition, to be held in Seattle, Wash., in 1961 and 1962 (cleared for the President by a voice vote). Pages 17782-17784

Alaska coal: H.R. 6939, to increase the maximum coal-lease acreage in the State of Alaska (cleared for the President by a voice vote). Page 17784

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

POULTRY LEGISLATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Dairy and Poultry met in executive consideration of but took no action on pending poultry legislation.

MILITARY REAL ESTATE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Real Estate considered in executive session several Army, Navy, and Air Force real-estate projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wilson, Utt, Keith, and Saund; and departmental witnesses. Executive sessions continue tomorrow.

D.C. HOME RULE HEARINGS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee No. 3 resumed hearings relative to home rule legislation for the District of Columbia. Various public witnesses were heard and hearings adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

FOREIGN SERVICE BUILDINGS ACT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on State Department Organization and Foreign Operations met in executive markup of Foreign Service Buildings Act amendments legislation.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations resumed hearings with respect to the Commodity Credit Corporation and cotton transactions. Government witnesses were heard and the subcommittee meets in executive session tomorrow.

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Ordered favorably reported to the House S. 2390, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in or in the vicinity of Everglades City, Fla., in furtherance of the administration and use of the Everglades National Park.

ANTITRUST LAW AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Antitrust Subcommittee held hearing on H.R. 2266, and related bills, to exempt certain professional sports enterprises (baseball, football, basketball, and hockey) from the antitrust laws. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walter, Whitener, and a public witness. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRIVATE CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 in executive session ordered favorably reported to the full committee six private claim bills, three of the House and three of the Senate, and ordered adversely reported one private claim bill.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted a closed rule but permitting amendments by direction of the Public Works Committee with 2 hours of debate on H.R. 8678, amend-

ing the Federal-Aid Highway Acts of 1956 and 1958. Heard on the rule were Representatives Fallon, Auchincloss, Scherer, Reuss, Mills, and Simpson of Pennsylvania.

ALASKA AND HAWAII

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with 1 hour of debate on S. 2208, making Alaska and Hawaii eligible for participation in distribution of discretionary funds under the Federal Airport Act. Heard on the rule were Representatives Harris, Bennett of Michigan, Younger, and Rivers of Alaska.

SUBCOMMITTEE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Ordered favorably reported H. Res. 360, amending H. Res. 56 (86th Cong.), providing for foreign travel authorization for subcommittees of Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Representative Harris was heard on the rule.

INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING

Committee on Rules: Denied the granting of a rule on H.R. 3151, permitting withholding on compensation of Federal employees for purposes of income taxes imposed by certain cities. Heard on the rule were Representatives Green of Pennsylvania, Curtis of Missouri, Cahill, Glenn, Curtin, Millikin, and Barrett.

NATIONAL FUELS POLICY

Committee on Rules: Laid on table H. Con. Res. 397, creating a Joint Committee on a National Fuels Policy. Heard testimony from Representatives Bailey, Dent, Hechler, Boggs, and Rogers of Texas.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Deferred action on H. Res. 368, amending H. Res. 91 (86th Cong.), to permit the Public Works Committee to attend international meetings relating to roads and highways. Representative Blatnik was heard.

Joint Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Conferees continued, in executive session, to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 8575, fiscal 1960 appropriations for military construction, but did not reach final agreement, and will meet again tomorrow.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT REFORM LEGISLATION

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1555, Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959.